



THE SENIORS COALITION

Working for a Responsible America

April 5, 2004

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Powell,

The Seniors Coalition, representing more than 4 million members and supporters across America, and truly every senior, strongly urges your immediate assistance in adopting the "Consensus Plan." This plan will repair the communications tools that police, firefighters and ambulance response teams need to provide protections for citizens in need. It is a particularly acute problem for our nation's seniors and persons with disabilities who rely more heavily on emergency services

Public safety experts have shared with you the interference that they so often experience in the 800 MHz band of the radio spectrum. The key to resolving this problem is eliminating interference and securing clear communications channels. The lives of victims and first responders are threatened by inaction

The Consensus Plan will allow for unimpeded communications in the 800 MHz spectrum for first responders so whatever communications gear is used by their individual departments will function properly. This will save lives and provide additional assurance to the elderly that when they place an emergency call, a response will come.

The Seniors Coalition will alert our more than 4 million members about this serious public safety problem, and we sincerely hope that you will support us in our efforts to take immediate action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Herman", is written over a horizontal line.

Dave Herman
Executive Director